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GIBSON POLLS 16,117 VOTES

West, Turner Elected; Harris In Runoff

In an election contest that saw both incumbents and insurgents win partial victories, Newark Negroes elected a councilman-at-large, reelected Central Ward Councilman Irvine Turner, and placed Essex County Freeholder Earl Harris into a close run-off.

But the big news was the surprisingly strong showing of Kenneth A. Gibson, candidate for mayor. Polling more than 16,000 votes, Gibson placed third in the six-way race for mayor.

Ironically, the surge of votes for Gibson, standard-bearer for the insurgents, may have been instrumental in electing Calvin West councilman-at-large. West's 19,000 at-large votes reflected the increased interest in an election otherwise marked by heavy apathy on the part of the city's Negro population after Gibson started to cam-

West's campaign, well financed and tolk of four other Negro councilman-at-large candidates, all of whom pained respectable vote totals. Leon Ewing, a newcomer to the political scene, scored 17,000 votes; William Stubbs, 16,000; John Themas and Thomas Coxson 13,000 each.

Turner won a predicted victory over former Assemblyman George Richardson, but with surprising ease. The veteran councilman's margin of 5,600 to 3,800 for Richardson reflected at least partially Mayor Addonizio's strong run in the Central Ward where he ran ahead of Gibson 6,200 to 4,700.

Gibson Speaking at Outdoor Rally

Newark YMCA To Send Three Negroes Abroad



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Elliott Mourman

North Arlington, from the Y's West Hudson Branch; Elliott Mourman of 76 Custer Ave., and Louis Watters, of 61 North Hewthorne Lane, both of Newark and members of the Y'n Downtown Branch, and Diane Buth of St



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Rutgers St., Newark of the bout

Their leader will be Donald Payne of 14 Book PL., Newark, director of high activities at the Sentence Process. In the South Ward, Earl Harris gained just over 5,000 yotes, nearly 1,500 votes ahead of his nearest rival but 1,300 votes behind his runoff opponent, incum-

HARRIS VICTORY

Harris scored the only tangible victory of the day for insurgent forces. Besides Bernstein, Harris faced opposition from a second Negro candidate, William Payne, who was endorsed by the same forces that supported Addonizio, West, and Turner-Payne ran third with 3,500 votes.

Attention throughout the city will now shift to the Harris-Bernstein runoff contest. While Harris trailed Bernstein going into the runoff as predicted, he is expected to pick up almost all of Payne's votes in the June 14 election. At the same time, Bernstein may pick up the bulk of votes cast for Jack Trugman, a second Jewish candidate in the

ironically, both Trugman and Payne entered the South Ward contest on the strength of exceptionally good campaigns they had waged for et-large seats in 1962. Had either one entered the strilerge race this year, he might telly be in public effice.



tack Payne during the preliminary campaign and thus avoided offending most of the Payne voters.

STRATEGY TO VICTORY

But to win, Harris must not only pick up Payne's votes, he must also convince some of Bernstein's Negro voters to switch as well as make inroads among the ward's Jewish-voters. Also, observers believe an increase in the turnout will be necessary.

The big question is whether the top lenders among the city's antipoverty structure will now move to support Harris against their

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Still More Fires Afflict Newarkers

Two young children were killed in a roaring house fire on Jellif Ave., an elderly lady was seriously injured in a fire that started in an abandoned building on Hunterdon St. and spread to 11 other houses, and a 46-year-old man was burned to death in a fire that destroyed a six-family house on Badger Ave. in the most recent round of Newark ghetto fires. All of those killed were Negroes.

This brought the total number of Newarkers killed in fires since last December alone to 26 persons and the number of residents left homeless at more than 700 persons, mostly children.

Most of those killed, injured, or left homeless by Newark fires are Negro. In fact, most of the abandoned buildings where a large percentage of Newark fires start are located in Negro neighborhoods! Several neighborhood groups and anti-poverty area boards as well as this newspaper have asked

that an immediate campaign be started to tear down remaining abandoned buildings throughout the city to stop the murderous fires. In addition, there have been increased demands for hon-est enforcement of the housing codes to root out housing viola-

tions, many of which cause fires.

Last month, one devastating fire ripped through a row of tene-mants on South Seventh St. near loth Ave. claiming mysterious "arsonists," an eyewitness re-ported the fire actually was started by defective electrical wiring in a house owned by one of the city's numerous absentee landlords.

The eyewitness told ADVANCE

he had reported the defective wiring to his landlord more than a week before the deadly fire.

Abandoned Four Years
In the Hunterdon St. blaze,
fire department officials told
ADVANCE the abandoned building where the fire started had been left standing for the past four years, since a previous four-alarm blaze had destroyed several other houses nearby. No action had been taken to remove the obvious fire hazard since that time.

Fire Department officials were meeting with members of 'Operation We Care,' anti-poverty area board two, and some of the victims of the So. Seventh

St. fire at the very moment the Hunterdon at blaze was first reported.

At the meeting, staff member Malachi Roundtree told Fire Director John Caufield that residents of the Central Ward des-

perately sought some means of assisting victims of fires before the fire department's apparatus and personnel arrived.

"There are times," Roundtree explained, "when it takes some time for the Fire Department to respond to a call—lives could be saved by having citizens around who could respond to the



Surviver tells reporter the way it was.

Clinton Hill 'Y' Program for Summer

The Clinton Hill Committee of the Newark YM-YWCA is again preparing to enroll grade school children, ages 7 through 12, for the Clinton Hall Summer Fun

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South Side Students Win Scholarships

South Side High School students have been awarded a total of \$75,860 in four-year scholarship offers to date, the school reported.

Among colleges offering scholarships to South Side students are Howard Univ., Lincoln Univ., the Univ. of Pennsylvania, Carelton College, Cornell Univ., Rutgers The State University, Morehouse College, and Northwestern Univ.

Many of the scholarship offers, however, went to the same students. Some of the students who received scholarship offers included:

REGINALD JOHNSON
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REGINALD JOHNSON, 18-year-old
son of Mr. and Mrs. Llorrine
Johnson of 178 Osborne Terrace,
has been awarded a \$500-a-year
scholarship from Lincoln University and will enter the Pennsylvania College this fail.

The 190 lb - 5" senior at
South Side, plans to study Biochemistry with the hope of getting into some research work

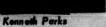


Keri Ann Snead

"I am very happy that Reginald will be getting into the field he likes best," Mrs. Bernice Johnson said of her son. Mrs. Johnson has been a school teacher at the Dayton Street School for

Reginald has played with the football team at South Side for three years. As right tackle, he made all-Essex, all-State, and all-City.

At South Side, Reginald is a ember of the Math and History Clubs, and is also a member of the senior executive board. He was vice president of his class



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Reginald Johnson

during his Junior year. OSCAR SYKES

son Ave., has been everded a \$500-a-year New Jersey State Scholarship and will attend Tuskegee University, at Tuskegee, Alabama.

Sykes, who made remarkable accomplishments at South Side, has also been extremely active in community work. Son of a well-known civic worker, Oscar is president of the Junior or-ganization of The South Side Democratic Organization. A

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Oscar Sykes

strapping young man with a pleas-ant smile and a meticulous con-versationalist, Oscar is a member of the executive committee at South Side High School. He also plays in the band. Just last month, Sykes, along with two other South Side stu-

dents, made an appearance be-fore the Board of Education in an effort to speed up the long-overdue addition at South Side.

overdue addition at South Side.
"They only sympathized with us
and sent us to see the City
Council," he noted in disgust.
After promising the huilding
for years, Sykes told ADVANCE
"they are still playing a game
of tag with the education of young
people."

"Although students of today are trying to learn under devastating circumstances astating circumstances—most or them are doing great," Sykes

young Sykes, who is for-merly from Philadelphia, wants to study Agriculture Engineering



Wilma Jones

"Very few people understand the term." young Sykes said, "but it is a tremendous field."

Sykes told ADVANCE that students of today must have a senso of value and a drive for respon

"We must adapt ourselves to apend our minds so that we can have a more panoramic view of

Mrs. Sykes, whose other son is currently attending Hampton Institute is a hardworking woman whose greatest desire is to see er two sons fully prepared to neet the great onslaught of this

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EDITORIAL

Newark Newspapers Show Prejudice Again

Newark's two daily newspapers have once again demonstrated their ignorance and their prejudice.

Last year, the two newspapers did their best to stir up racial divisions and anti-civil rights opinions among White residents during the campaign for a Civilian Police Review Board. Ignoring the near-unanimous opinion of the city's White as well as Negro clergymen in favor of the review board--not to mention the implicit support from many downtown White businessmen, White students, and others--the city's daily newspapers deliberately attempted to transform the struggle for justice in Newark into a Black-Vs.-White struggle.

Now this past week, Newark's daily newspapers completely ignored the visit to Newark by two of the nation's top Negro leaders—Dick Gregory and Carl Stokes.

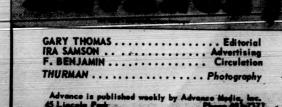
The fact that neither of the newspapers agreed with the politics of Stokes and Gregory is not important. They have a moral obligation to report the truth whether they like it or not. Instead, the newspapers just freze out Gregory and Stokes. It was left to New York television stations to inform Newarkers that these two world-famous Negroes were in town.

Carl Stokes, the man who very nearly was elected mayor of Cleveland, and Dick Gregory, Nationally-known comedian and civil rights crusader, don't come to Newark every month; in fact, they don't come every year.

But this is just another example of the prejudiced reporting of these two agents for exploitation.

It matters little that one of the newspapers is tied blindly to the Democratic Party and the other is tied blindly to the Republican Party. What difference does it make anyway? Both newspapers have opposed a Civilian Police Review Board for Newark, both have opposed a politics-free anti-poverty program, both have sat idly by as the city's housing and schools deteriorated and Negro children were burned to death in fire-traps.

Newark's newspapers are as much responsible for the rotten conditions in the city as its politicians. Once again, they have demonstrated their prejudice.





Ouestion:

In the wake of all of the fires that have occurred in the city, what do you think of the idea of a block fire disaster prevention group?



Jesse Allen 227 Jelliff

I think that the idea is great and I am willing to work in such a group. I believe that the people that live in these areas that have the homes that are fire traps and wooden frames that have been standing for the longest, should have a safe method of letting the entire house know that there is a fire. The only way that the people will help each other is in an organized group.



Denise Garretson 704 Clinton Ave.

I believe that the people that live in the homes in the area should have a system that will let all of the people know that there is a fire in the building and that they are responsible, not only for themselves, but also for the person that may panic.



Eddie Williams 729 Hunterdon St.

I feel that if the people that live in a house would get together and have themselves all ready for the possibility of a fire, they might avoid tragedy. Everyone should the given together in fire

ADVANCE PROFILE

Vernon Clash of Newark, Boy's Club Award Winner

For the fifth year in a row, a member of one of the four units of the Boys' Clubs of Newark has been named an award winner in the Boys' Clubs of America national "Boy of the Year" project,

The 1966 Newark winner is Vernon Clash, 18 years old, of 374 Peshine Ave. Clash is a member of the South Ward Unit of the Boys' Clubs of Newark and was awarded a \$100 sectional scholarship provided by the Reader's Digest Foundation for the purpose of encouraging "Juvenile Decency."

A senior at Weequahic High School, Clash is the captain of the tennis team and was selected to participate in the Princeton University Summer Studies Program. Just last week, it was announced he had been awarded a \$1,400-a-year scholarship to Rutgers. In addition to participating in all phases of Boys' Clubs activities, Vernon Clash helps tutor fellow Boys' Clubs members who need extra scholastic help.

He was nominated for the national honor having previously been selected as the outstanding boy of the year at the South Ward Unit.

Award winners are selected from 1600 Boys' Clubs throughout the country, on the basis of



Vernon Clast

the amount and quality of service to their homes, school, cnurch, community, and Boys' Club.

The Boys' Clubs of Newark, Inc., is a non-profit, non-sectarian organization dedicated to building the character of young citizens through guidance and the facilities for recreational, vocations, educational and social activities. The four units of the Boys' Clubs include the Stella Wright Unit on Spruce St., the Broadway Unit on broadway, the West Side Unit on Littleton Ave., and the South Side Unit on Hawthorne

What's Your Opinion?

To The Editor

I am sure I speak for each and every one of the Willing Workers and the entire Fifth Pastoral Anniversary Committee of the Hopewell Baptist Church when I say thank you to you and your staff for a job well done. The girls in the club were simply thrilled at seeing their picture in the paper.

The hearts of our pastor and his wife (Rev. and Mrs. Cantrell) were made glad.

As a young woman active in a rich, full church life, I find myself bubbling over with ideas and a dream—a dream that one day the church will fully be a soul saving station, a dream where people like you and me can come with our troubles, cares, problems, and our confusion, and find a sweet relief,—by having

trained personnel dealing in housing, jobs, marriage counseling, sex education, welfare and relief, etc.

As you know, the city is involved in a great face lifting operation in its urban renewal program of tearing down the old and building the new. Hopewell Baptist Church is included in this program and we must meet this great challenge.

I know Hopewell will be coming to you in the future with news
releases on programs and fund
raising drives, etc. We hope and
pray that you will always find
time in your busy schedule to
print the news about little people
like us.

Again, may I say many thanks, Elizabeth M, Holmes 41 Shanley Avenue Newark



Cleveland Mayoral Candidate Carl Stokes talks with AB-VANCE reporter Gary Thomas, Stokes' visit to Namenk was felding by the city's two daily approximately



At scene celebration of Annual Men's Day at Union Chapel AME Church, were James Smith, Jr., Lee Barnes, Rev. R. W. Coleman, pastor Gregory March, Solomon Thomas, Davis McCummings, Walter S. Slade. In rear, B. Ross, T. Hayes, L. Lloyd, M. Durr, Rufus Jackson, Sterling Hicks, James White, James Jones, John Hawks, T. Clarke, Albert Hayes and Dr. Fred Harris, chr. Others who participated in the program included, Mrs. Cecil Coleman, Louise Smalls, Fannie Slade, Lois Scye, Anna McCummings, Nancy Jackson, and Linda Scye.

News From Stella Wright

By Betty Blackman

in Lodi, and featuring eleven Boys' Clubs in New Jersey, the Stella Wright Unit won second place and had two individuals trophy winners: Steven Cole and Leon Conover. Together they won 117 of our total of 213 points. Gary Spencer of 85 Waverly Ave, won a medal in a developmental swimming meet held at the Broadway unit last Saturday.

Gary was one of 30 boys repre-senting our Boys' Club unit. The Mothers' Club of the Boys' Club has added three new members: Mrs. Effie Armstrong, Mrs. Barbara Hughes, and Mrs. Pearline Jester.
The Pi Kappa Psi Sorority is

At a billiard tournament held in Lodi, and featuring eleven loys' Clubs in New Jersey, the stella Wright Unit won second blace and had two individuals trophy winners: Steven Cole and City Hospital on Easter Sunday. Advisor and Assistant Advisor to the sorority is Mrs. Pear-line Jester and Mrs. Josephine

The committee of 100, an auxiliary of the Boys' Club met on Tuesday.

The Board of Directors, under the direction of Nathaniel M. Murrill, Jr., met on Wednes-day, May 11th at 8:00 p.m. The Mothers' Club will meet

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Scholarships

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She has been employed at Weston Electrical Instruments as a laboratory technician for 10 years. WILMA JONES

Wilma Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Jones of 510 Belmont Ave., has been awarded a \$500-a-year New Jersey State scholarship, and plans to enter the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn

The 18-year-old senior at at South Side intends to be-come á fashion designer upon completion of her studies at

The scholarship which will be given by the state can be used outside of New Jersey. Wilma has been a member of

the Leaguers Inc., for the past four years.

Her brother, Randolph, who graduated from South Side,

is now attending the Academy of Aeronautics for Electronic Engineering. Having completed his studies at the Academy, he joined the Army, and, is stationed at Fort Monmouth. Under



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his army training, young Jone hopes to become a micr technician.

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KERI ANN SNEAD

Keri Ann Snead, 17-year-old
attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Snead of 109 Leslie St., has been awarded a \$500a-year New Jersey State Scholar-ship and will attend Jersey City State College, Jersey City. She

will major in special education.
Oilie Snead, father of the South Side senior, is from Virginia, and works in Newark as a truck driver. Mrs. Snead was born in Newark.

In her junior year, Keri Ann was a member of the student council; at present she is a member of the French Club, the Yearbook Staff, and, is on the staff of the School Newspaper, 'The Hilltop Recorder.'

Keri Ann, who plans to teach medial reading in public school, has a brother and sister at Weequahic.

"I love cooking," she said





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SEEN ON THE GIBSON CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Despite the eleventh-hour timing of Gibson's decision to compaign for mayor thus cutring short the available time for compaigning, the energetic condidate managed to get out and meet thousands of voters in the six weeks left to him.



Dick Gregory and Gibson in a pensive moment during motorcade through the city.



Gibson pauses to pose with survivors of South Seventh Street fire trajedy of Red Cross, emergency station.



Gibson is greated by seine young admirers in the heart of Newark's ghetto.

Control Ward crowd It stone of grant and



Ohio State Representative Carl Stakes who narrowly missed election as Cleveland's mayor last year lashes into those apposed to a Negro's bid for mayor.



Scholarships Continued from Page 5

snyly. my favorite dishes are macaroni and cheese, and fried chicken." she added. She likes dancing, rock and foll music and

has a great interest in jazz.

WAVERLY BASKERVILLE

Wavery Baskerville, 18-yearold son of Mr. and Mrs. Waverly Baskerville, Sr., of 241 Haw Corne Ave., has accepted a \$200-a-year scholarship award from Pennsylvania State University and plans to enter the school as a 2-year liberal arts student before becoming a premedical student.

The popular South Side senior, who plays soccer with great skill, is the senior class treasurer and member of the Latin Club. A member of the Creative Club, young Baskerville is president of the young adult choir at Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 115 Montgomery

Waverly Baskerville, Sr., is employed as an automobile at-tendant. The Baskervilles are from Virginia and have been in Newark for the past 10 years. Another brother, Larry, is at Clinton Junior High School; and a three-year-old brother in prekindergarden.

In his sophomore year, Waverly was a reporter of the School Newspaper, The Hilltop Re-

1 think that many more school buildings are needed in Newark and also many more qualified teachers," young Baskerville told Advance.

Waverly is an ardent jazz fan.

KENNETH PARKS

Kenneth Parks, 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Parks of 187 Brunswick St., has been awarded a \$500-a-year New Jersey State Scholarship and will enter Hampton Institute this fall.

Parks, who also received a scholarship offer from Connecticut State, will major in history. The South Side student was born in Newark. His father, who has been in Newark for 30 years, is a truck driver.

Parks is a member of the Honor Society and the Spanish Club at South Side.





Shelia Harper SHELIA HARPER

Sheila Harper, an 18-year-old senior from South Side, has been awarded a \$500-a-year state scholarship, as well as a \$4,400 college scholarship from Howard

University.
Sheila, who is President of the Honor Society at South Side. She is also a member of the Spanish Class, and the senior class executive board:

Sheila, who has a brother in the paratroopers serving in Alaska, has been chosen as the South Side Senior Prom chairman. She is very fond of cooking. especially Italian foods, Sheila wants to study Psychology at Howard.

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South Side Students **Demand City Action**

students, finding that neither city authorities nor parents groups are seriously pressing for immediate action on the construction of the long-long-overdue addition to the overcrowded high school, tried earlier this month to budge Newark's bureacracy just a little bit in the direction

While the students aroused curious reactions--ranging from polite applause to unconcealed hostility-they have thus far been unsuccessful in their main purpose-city action.



Oscar Sykes

After speaking at successive meetings of the Newark Board of Education and the City Council, Oscar Sykes, a senior, told ADVANCE: "They just keep passing the buck—from one to the other and back again."

Back and Forth .. At the Board of Education, the students were told they ought to speak to the City Council. "After all, the city councilmen appropriate the money, we can only make sugges-tions," the students were told by

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Board of Education members. But the City Councilmen told the students to go back to the Board of Education because, after all, the City Council only appropriates the money whereas the Board of Education decides how it will be spent.

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Roger Norton

Those students participating in .
the public call included: Shelia Harper, George Hampton, Roger Norton, and Sykes.

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Harris will undoubtedly receive strong support from Gib-son who himself polled an impressive 6,300 votes in the ward. In addition, some at-large council candidates such as Thomas and Ewing are expected to assist Harris.

The major support Harris re-ceived in the preliminary race that gave him the number two spot came from members of community organizations such as the Weequahic Community Council, the Clinton Hill Neighborhood Council and the Newark Community Project. While none of them officially endorsed Harris, most of their members actively worked on his behalf.

EAST WARD RACE
Some attention will also focus
on the East Ward runoff contest where several insurgent Negro leaders are backing 28-year-old Louis Turco in a runoff contest with incumbent Phillip Gorden. Turco's appearance at an election-eve rally for Gibson helped solidify his support in the Negro

community.

At the rally, Turco told AD-VANCE he believed he had "an obligation to listen carefully to the ideas and platform of any candidate for mayor who is making as strong an impression on city as Ken Gibson."

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dian and civil rights crusader Dick Gregory and Cleveland mayoral candidate Carl Stokes. Each toured the city's Negro districts with Gibson lending the insurgent candidate's campaign prestige and attention.

As a result, New York based television stations focused unusual attention on Gibson's bid even as the two daily newspapers attempted to ignore it.
INFORMAL TEAM

Gibson, Harris, and Richard-son, running as an informal team, criticized the city administration for the poor housing, poor schools, and lack of job opportunities afflicting the city's Negro community.

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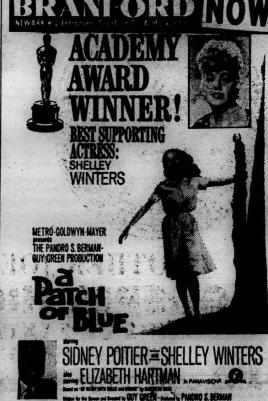
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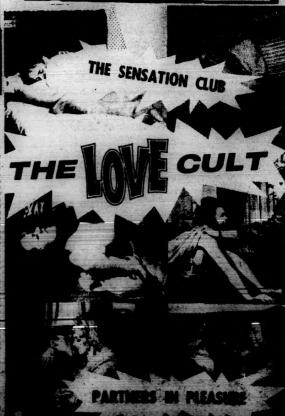
tration and anger of many Negro residents. As fire engines and police patrol cars raced back and forth with their sirens screaming through the city, they were labeled "Gibson sound trucks."

Another issue that gained votes for Gibson was conditions in City Hospital where thousands of Negro patients have been treated. Gibson, Herris, and Richardson all criticized the severe short. ages in personnel and equipment at the hospital.

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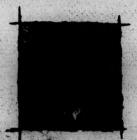
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Newarkers Win Honors in State Track Meet

Edward Crawford, of 192 W. Runyon St., a 17-year-old junior at Arts High School, took second place in the 100-yard-dash in last Saturday's 62-team statewide meet at City Stadium.

John Carter, an 18 year-old senior of West Side High School was third in the 100-yard dash. Although every school in Newark was represented, only four Newark students qualified for the statewide final.

Other finalists were James Mc-Dowell, a 16-year-old junior from West Side High School, who won



Edward Crawford

fifth place in the high hurdles, and Patrick Garrison, a 17 year old junior from West Side, who won sixth place in the 100-yard dash



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